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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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16 JUN 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Green Building Initiative Policy

1. In accordance with Presidential Executive Order 12856, the Federal Acquisition Regulation, and Department of Defense Directives, Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) adopts this Green Initiative Building policy to integrate pollution prevention goals into all phases of construction projects. This policy addresses all construction projects at APG.

2. This policy represents APG's position that personnel and contractors shall perform design and undertake construction with knowledge and consideration of potential impacts to both natural and man-made environments. To this end, every effort shall be made to:

- a. Prevent pollution in all project stages
- b. Conserve natural resources
- c. Minimize adverse impacts to biological and human environments
- d. Maintain historical and cultural integrity

3. Under this policy, when cost effective and technically feasible, preference shall be given to construction, demolition, and renovation practices that accomplish the following objectives:

- a. Minimize adverse acoustical impacts
- b. Mitigate adverse air quality impacts to the indoor environment and the atmosphere
- c. Employ environmentally sound practices in site layout and landscape
- d. Maximize energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources

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e. Protect and conserve water resources

f. Maximize recycling and waste minimization

4. The goals and objectives set forth by this policy shall be given full consideration early in the planning and design stages; as such, shall be incorporated into the Design Review Process. When assessing feasibility of green building practices, long-term use, operation, and maintenance issues shall be considered. Green building practices shall be adhered to during project execution.

5. Consistent with the Federal Acquisition Regulation, for facility design contracts, the statement of work shall require that the architect-engineer specify, in the construction design specifications, use of the maximum practicable amount of recovered materials consistent with the performance requirements, availability, price reasonableness, and cost-effectiveness. Where appropriate, the statement of work also shall require the architect-engineer to consider energy conservation, pollution prevention, and waste reduction to the maximum extent practicable in developing the construction design specifications.

6. The contractor shall certify that the percentage of recovered material content for EPA-designated items (identified in the enclosed Recovered Materials Advisory Notice) is at least the amount required by the applicable contract specifications.

7. The POC for this matter is Mr. Robert Solyan, Pollution Prevention Program Manager, U.S. Army Garrison, Directorate of Safety, Health, and Environment, 3-9834/5773. Additional supporting guidance is provided in the APG Pollution Prevention Resource Manual, Green Building Module (under development).

FOR THE COMMANDER:

SIGNED 16 JUN 1998

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